

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

SPECIAL Howard County Delegation Legislation Edition: December 2012



*This is a Special Edition of the Calvin Ball Bulletin Legislation Edition. It will highlight bills that were recently introduced by the Howard County Delegation. A public hearing for citizen feedback on these local issues has been scheduled for: **Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 7:30pm** in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive in Ellicott City, MD.

Sign-up sheets will be available outside the Banneker Room at 7pm. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes.

For further information, contact **Dylan Goldberg** at the Howard County Delegation Office at **410-841-3360** or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us



Howard County State Legislation

The 2013 legislative session will begin on January 9, 2013 and will last for 90 days. So that our residents may stay engaged in topics impacting Howard County, I wanted to share with you some bills that may be of interest to you.

HO.CO. 01-13 (LR 770)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Middle Patuxent Environmental Area

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs and the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and the expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO.CO. 02-13 (LR 692)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – The Arc's Homewood Road Renovation

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs and the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and the expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO.CO. 03-13 (LR 453)

Education – Howard County Library System – Collective Bargaining

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs and the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing employees of the Howard County Library System to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; authorizing an employee to refrain from certain activities; specifying the responsibilities of the library system and the certified exclusive representative; specifying the collective bargaining units and the composition of the units; requiring that a certain employee organization submit a certain petition to the Director of the Howard County Library System; prohibiting a certain employee organization from discriminating with regard to terms or conditions of membership because of certain characteristics; requiring that a certain petition be submitted to the State Mediation and Conciliation Service for certain purposes; authorizing the library system or a certain employee organization to submit a certain request to the State Mediation and Conciliation Service for certain purposes; requiring that the library system and the employee organization or certified exclusive representative share equally certain costs; requiring the library system to recognize certain rights of the certified exclusive representative; requiring the certified exclusive representative to represent employees in a certain manner; requiring the library system and the certified exclusive representative to enter into a collective bargaining agreement that contains provisions regarding certain matters; requiring the library system to make certain payroll deductions under certain circumstances; requiring that certain dues be remitted to the certified exclusive representative; prohibiting certain grievance procedures from allowing an arbitrator to alter the terms of the collective bargaining agreement; specifying when a collective bargaining agreement is effective and when it expires; requiring the library system and the certified representative to reach an agreement by a certain date except under certain circumstances; specifying the procedures to be followed if an impasse is reached in the collective bargaining negotiations; requiring the library system to submit certain terms of the collective bargaining agreement to the Board of Library Trustees for Howard County for its acceptance or rejection; requiring the Board to take certain action regarding the terms submitted to it for review; requiring the library system and the certified exclusive representative to take certain action if the Board rejects a term; requiring the Board to take certain action if it accepts a term; authorizing the Howard County Executive and Howard County Council to take certain action regarding certain

requests submitted to them for approval; requiring the Howard County Executive to take certain action if the Howard County Executive accepts a certain request; requiring the library system and the certified exclusive representative to take certain action if the County Executive or County Council reject a certain request; providing that the library system retains certain rights and responsibilities under certain circumstances; providing for the decertification of the certified exclusive representative under certain circumstances; prohibiting the library system and an employee organization from taking certain actions regarding collective bargaining; prohibiting an employee or an employee organization from engaging in, inducing, initiating, or ratifying a strike; authorizing a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin a strike under certain circumstances; prohibiting an employee from receiving compensation from the library system under certain circumstances; authorizing the library system to take certain action against an employee or an employee organization for violating a certain provision of this Act; providing that this Act and a collective bargaining agreement entered into under this Act supersede certain provisions of law under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of a certain provision of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to collective bargaining for employees of the Howard County Library System..

HO.CO. 04-13 (LR 562)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Blandair Regional Park

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs and the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and the expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO.CO. 05-13 (LR 560)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Historic Belmont Property

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs and the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State

Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and the expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO.CO. 06-13 (LR 607)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Domestic Violence Center

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs and the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and the expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO.CO. 07-13 (LR 766)

Howard County – Deer Hunting on Private Property - Sundays

Submitted by Delegate Gail Bates

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person in Howard County to hunt deer on certain Sundays on private property using certain hunting equipment during certain months; removing Howard County from the list of counties in which deer hunting on private property on certain Sundays is prohibited; and generally relating to deer hunting on private property in Howard County on Sundays.

HO.CO. 08-13 (LR 768)

Howard County - Casino Events - Authorized

Submitted by W. Miller and Malone

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations to hold certain casino events in Howard County at certain intervals of time; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections; Licenses, and Permits before operating a

casino event; requiring the Howard County Executive to forward a recommendation to the Howard County Council concerning the fee to be charged for a permit; requiring the County Council to adopt by resolution the amount of the permit fee; specifying the types of organizations eligible to conduct a casino event; requiring a permit holder for a casino event to ensure that certain standards are met; prohibiting a permit holder from offering cumulative money prizes in excess of a certain amount specifying certain prohibited acts and reporting requirements for a permit holder for a casino event; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations governing casino events; altering in Howard County the application of certain general provisions of law governing gaming in the State; establishing certain exception to prohibitions against conducting a casino event or operating or awarding prizes using certain gaming devices; defining a certain term; and generally relating to casino events in Howard County.

HO.CO. 09-13 (LR 710)

Howard County – Noise Control - Exception

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of the Environment, Howard County, or a political subdivision of Howard County from adopting any sound level limit or noise control ordinances, rule, or regulation that prohibits the electronic amplification of sound between certain hours at an outdoor concert venue with a certain capacity in Howard County; and generally relating to the adoption of sound level limits and noise control ordinances, rules, regulations that prohibit the electronic amplification of sound in Howard County

HO.CO. 10-13 (LR 728)

Howard County –Alcoholic Beverages – Continuing Care retirement Community Living

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs

FOR the purpose of establishing in Howard County a Class C (Continuing Care Retirement Community) beer, wine and liquor license; establishing qualifications for a licensee; authorizing a licensee to keep for sale and sell at retail to a resident or a guest of the community beer, wine, and liquor for consumption on the premises; providing for a annual license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

HO.CO. 11-13 (LR 809)

Howard County – Property Tax Credit – Renovated, Upgraded, or Rehabilitated Property

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs and the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to provide a property tax credit against the county property tax for certain real property that is renovated, upgraded, or rehabilitated; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to provide, by law, for certain other criteria for the property tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a county property tax credit for real property in Howard County.

HO.CO. 12-13 (LR 709)

Howard County – Orphans’ Court Judges - Salary

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs

FOR the purpose of altering the salaries of each judge of the Orphans’ Court for Howard County and the annual salary of the Chief Judge for the Orphans’ Court of Howard County.

Because three of our delegation bills are still in the drafting process, here is a brief description of each of those bills along with their sponsors. The full bills will be posted on the Howard County Delegation website by Monday, December 10th or as soon as possible.
www.co.ho.md.us/statedelegation.htm

HO.CO. 13-13

Howard County – Sheriff - Salary Increase

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs

FOR the purpose of increasing the annual salary of the Sheriff of Howard County to a certain amount over a certain time period; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff during a certain term of office; and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Howard County.

HO.CO. 14-13

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Liquor Board Distance Discretion

Submitted by Delegate Guzzone

FOR the purpose of giving the Howard County Board of License Commissioners the discretion to issue an alcoholic beverages license to an establishment in Howard County that is located less than 500 feet from a school or church, provided the establishment meets the distance requirement by at least 90%.

HO.CO. 15-13

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Wine Containers

Submitted by the Howard County Delegation Chairs

FOR the purpose of authorizing a holder of a Class B special beer and wine license in Howard County to sell wine in certain refillable containers for consumption off the licensed premises only to persons who have purchased food or alcohol from the licensed premises; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

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Dalai Lama*